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Fort Wainwright Prescribed Burns

Ft. Wainwright, AK — The US Army Alaska and the Bureau of Land Management's Alaska Fire Service will conduct multiple prescribed burns in the Yukon Training Area on Fort Wainwright. Spring 2008 burn projects include the Small Arms Complex, Stuart Creek Impact Area, Manchu Range and the DMPTR unit of the Moose Creek project plan.

Acceptable weather permitting, the Fort Wainwright Small Arms Range is scheduled for Saturday and/or Sunday, May 10 and 11 with the DMPTR unit mid next week. Due to current vegetation conditions, the Manchu Range and Stuart Creek Impact Area will be scheduled at a later date.

The purpose of the burns is to reduce areas of trees, brush and cured grass to assist in preventing serious wildfires from occurring as a result of military training activities. The size of the individual burns will vary.

Firefighters from the Alaska Fire Service and Fort Wainwright will be on site to execute the burns as well as ensure the containment of the fire at the designated boundaries. Smoke may be visible in and around Fairbanks, Fort Wainwright, North Pole and Eielson AFB as a result of the burning operations.

For more information about prescribed fires, contact the Fire Information Office at the Alaska Fire Service, 907-356-5511 or visit the BLM Alaska Fire Service website:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>

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